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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/828,363	RODRIGUEZ ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Bradley T. King	3683	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 16-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites "a brake camshaft" and "each camshaft". It is not clear how many camshafts are required by the claim.

Claims 4-5 recite "the brake camshafts". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

Claim 9 recites "the park brake bell crank turning both the first and the second brake camshafts". The meaning of this limitation is unclear as it implies that the park brake bell crank interacts directly with the camshafts to create turning movement, however, in the disclosed invention the park brake bell crank turns a first bell crank and camshaft which in turn rotates a second bell crank and camshaft.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bock (US# 1826380).

Bock discloses all the limitations of the instant claims including; a pivotable park brake actuating handle 165; a park brake bell crank 155 rotatably mounted on a cross shaft 61; a first arm (near 161) extending radially from the park brake bell crank; a connector 161 between the handle and the first arm to transmit pivoting movement of the handle to rotational movement of the park brake bell crank; and a second arm 157 extending radially and laterally from the park brake bell crank; the second arm adapted to turn a left brake bell crank 57 or 53 or 41 and a right brake bell crank 57 or 53 or 41, each of the left and right brake bell cranks secured to a brake camshaft 33, each camshaft having a cam lobe to apply a brake.

Regarding claim 2, note 153 allows adjustment. Also note the adjustment mechanism at the end of 47.

Regarding claim 3, the through holes of element 155 read upon "slot" as broadly defined by the claims.

Regarding claim 4, the linkage arrangement allows some degree of relative rotation between the camshafts 33 and the cross shaft 61.

Regarding claim 6, each bell crank has a main bell crank 53 and a secondary bell crank 57 secured to the cross shaft 61.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bock (US# 1826380) in view of Brace (US# 3400788).

Bock discloses all the limitations of the instant claims with exception to a separate brake pedal for the left and right brakes. Brace discloses a vehicle brake system and further teaches separate brake pedals for left and right brakes to provide steering. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize separate brake pedals as taught by Brace in the brake system of Bock to provide a greater degree of mobility, thereby increasing the performance of the brake system.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 9-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 16-20 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Crow, McGuire, Baits, White, Apple and Wright.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley T. King whose telephone number is (571) 272-7117. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:00-7:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on (571) 272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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